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documents residing at a ~~remote document server~~ on a first cost basis, said first viewable version being protected to prevent the user from performing standard operations on said version such as copying, printing or saving;

~~detecting a request from a user to perform an action on a user selected portion of one or more documents;~~

~~prior to completing said request, gathering user information, document identification, and selection range information to allow~~  
calculating a charge to permit the user to perform[[ the]] a requested action on a user-selected portion of document content on a second cost basis;

~~receiving user authorization for said charge;~~

~~receiving a payment validation; and~~

providing a second version of the user-selected portion on which ~~completing~~ a user [[the]] requested action is completed upon payment of the calculated charge.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein [[said ]calculating the charge further comprises:

calculating the charge on the basis of the granularity of the user-selected portion allows a fine granularity selection down to, for text documents, individual words including whole and partial pages.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claims 1 or [[1 ~~++2~~ wherein calculating the charge further comprises:

said request is a standard command used in other applications or in the operating system and wherein operation of said command is interrupted to calculate a charge and get authorizationcalculating the charge based in part on the action requested.

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Claims :-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein calculating the charge further comprises:

calculating said charge is based in part on a network address from which said user accesses said database server.

Claim 1; (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein ~~receiving user authorization further comprises~~ comprising:

presenting the calculated cost to the user; and  
receiving ~~an indication that the user wishes to~~  
proceed authorization for payment of the calculated charge.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[1 ]]~~ 17 wherein ~~receiving user authorization further comprises~~ comprising:

checking a user's default options and providing authorization according to said default options.

19. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1 further comprising:

determining whether a user wants multiple copies of a document; and

calculating a charge for said multiple copies of said document.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19 wherein completing the requested action further comprises:

providing said multiple copies may include a certificate allowing authorized reproduction of a number of copies.

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21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein a ~~user may select~~ the user-selected portion may include an anthology from multiple documents.

Claims 12-26 (Canceled)

55. (New) The invention of claims 1 or 2, wherein providing the first viewable version further comprises:

providing document contents to the user in an encrypted format.

56. (New) The invention of claim 55, further comprising:

using client-side software for permitting the user to view the encrypted format of the first version.

57. (New) The invention of claims 1 or 2, wherein providing the first viewable version further comprises:

providing document content at a resolution sufficient for viewing but not for satisfactory completion of the requested action.

58. (New) The invention of claim 57 wherein providing the second version further comprises:

providing document content in a higher resolution on which satisfactory completion of the requested action may be performed.

59. (New) The invention of claim 57 wherein providing the second version further comprises:

providing document content in a form not directly accessible by the user.

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60. (New) The invention of claim 1 or 2, wherein providing the first version further comprises:

providing document content in a form viewable by the user only upon authorization from a third party.

61. (New) The invention of claim 60 wherein providing document content in a form viewable by the user only upon authorization from a third party further comprises:

providing authorization for viewing by the user only as the document content is being provided from the server.

62. (New) The method according to claim 60 wherein providing the first version further comprises:

providing a full-text searchable version of said document content and

displaying documents opened for browsing to portions containing search terms which are highlighted.

63. (New) The invention of claim 60 wherein providing the first version further comprises:

sending images of a page of the document content one at a time to the user for viewing.

64. (New) The invention of claim 61, wherein providing the second version further comprises:

sending the entire user selected document content to the user at one time.

65. (New) The method of claim 1 or 2 wherein providing the second version further comprises:

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providing text in a first structure and graphics in a different structure.

66. (New) The method of claim 65 wherein calculating the charge further comprises:

calculating the charge on the bases of the user-selected portion including text and on the basis of the user selected portion including graphics.

67. (New) A method for allowing the purchase of information from a server, comprising:

serving user-requested pages of information from a server in a protected form permitting viewing and selecting by a user but not printing, copying or saving by the user;

calculating a charge to permit a requested action to be performed on a user-selected portion of the information served; and

providing the user-selected portion, upon authorization of payment of the calculated charge, in a second form on which the requested action is performed.

68. (New) The method according to claim 67 wherein calculating the charge further comprises:

calculating the charge on the basis of the number of full and partial pages in the user-selected portion.

69. (New) The method according to claim 67 wherein calculating the charge further comprises:

calculating the charge on the basis of the type of action to be performed.

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70. (New) The method of claims 67 or 68 wherein serving the user-requested pages of information further comprises:

serving low resolution images of full pages of information.

71. (New) The method of claim 70 wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

providing text within the user-selected portion of the low resolution images in the form of text on which the action may be performed.

72. (New) The method of claim 71 wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

providing images within the user-selected portion of the low resolution images in the form of high resolution images on which the action may be performed upon authorization of the charges.

73. (New) The method of claims 67, 68 or 69, further comprising:

encrypting the serving user-requested pages of information before serving them to the user; and

requiring authorization from a third party before permitting viewing and selecting of user-requested pages by the user.

74. (New) The method of claim 73 further comprising:

encrypting the user-selected portion before providing the user-selected portion to the user; and

requiring authorization from the third party before the requested action may be performed.

75. (New) The method of claim 71 wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

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providing images within the user-selected portion of the low resolution images in the form of high resolution images on which the action may be performed upon authorization of the charges.

76. (New) The method of claims 67, 68 or 69 wherein serving the user-requested pages of information further comprising:

encrypting the serving user-requested pages of information before serving them to the user; and

requiring authorization from a third party before permitting viewing and selecting of user-requested pages by the user.

77. (New) The method of claim 76 further comprising:

encrypting the user-selected portion before providing the user-selected portion to the user; and

requiring authorization from the third party before the requested action may be performed.

78. (New) The method of claims 67, 68 or 69, wherein serving the user-requested pages further comprises:

serving the user-requested pages of information in a low resolution format sufficient for permitting viewing and selecting by a user but not sufficient for acceptable printing, copying or saving by the user.

79. (New) The method of claim 78 wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

providing the user-requested portion in a high resolution format sufficient for acceptable printing, copying and/or saving by the user.



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80. (New) The method of claims 67, 68 or 69, wherein serving user-requested pages of information further comprises:

serving user-requested text in the form of low resolution images of pages of text suitable for viewing and selecting.

81. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

providing user-selected text suitable for performing the requested action is performed.

82. (New) The method of claims 67, 68 or 69, wherein serving user-requested pages of information further comprises:

serving user-requested page images in the form of low resolution images suitable for viewing and selecting.

83. (New) The method of claim 80, wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

providing user-selected images in the form of high resolution images suitable for performing the requested action.

84. (New) The method of claims 67, 68 or 69, wherein serving user-requested pages of information further comprises:

serving user-requested text and images in the form of low resolution images of pages of text and images suitable for viewing and selecting.

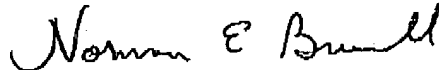
85. (New) The method of claim 84, wherein providing the user-selected portion further comprises:

providing the user-selected text in the form of text suitable for the requested action; and

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providing images in the form of high resolution images  
suitable for performing the requested action.

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